Alabama Department of Public Health, Technical Services Unit

K51 and Smoke Door Magnets 06/09/99

Question: Our facility has doors at smoke walls that are held open on magnets that release automatically when the fire alarm goes off. Is it acceptable for these magnets to start working again when we silence the fire alarm?

Answer: No, the door hold-open magnets or devices must not return to their normal function until the alarm has been <u>fully reset</u> at the alarm panel. This item falls under K51 on the Life Safety Code survey.